



July 25, 2011

To: Wisconsin County and Municipal Clerks

Re: Open Records Requests From Election Defense Alliance Pertaining To April 5, 2011 Election

Dear County and Municipal Clerks,

EDA respects you and the job you do. Our concern is with the many proven vulnerabilities of the machines that count our votes. For all your diligence, even you cannot know if the results given by the computers that count our votes are accurate or have been manipulated by insiders or hackers. Breaches in cyber-security—including highly “secure” major banks, the Pentagon, the IMF—are now more rule than exception. Especially where the stakes are high.

For a simple and chilling example, consider the case where the zero counters in a memory cartridge were set to +50 for Candidate A and -50 for Candidate B, yielding the correct number of total votes at your end-of-day reconciliation, but with an invisible net shift of 100 votes for that ward. And those counters can easily be set at zero for the Monday pre-test or a Wednesday post-test, but +50/-50 at 8 a.m. Tuesday. Elections are that vulnerable.

Our open records requests were part of our efforts to validate the counts. Because all vendors refused to make available any actual memory cartridges for inspection, offering only useless partial data transcriptions, we were unable to follow through with our analytical protocol.

Election Defense Alliance therefore releases you by this writing from our requests pertaining to records from the April 5, 2011 Wisconsin Supreme Court election. Please note that this release does not pertain to any records requested independently by John Washburn.

Thank you for your cooperation and for the data we did receive.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jonathan Simon', is located below the 'Sincerely,' text.

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cc: Michael Haas, Government Accountability Board